MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know from the member whether, in calculating those days, he has taken into consideration the Sundays during the midsummer holidays and Christmas holidays?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know how many Sundays have been taken into consideration in considering the question of reduction of holidays?

PRESIDENT: All the Sundays of the year, undoubtedly. You can have them from the statement.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I want personal explanation, Sir. I do not think that the Director has taken into consideration the Sundays that fall during the midsummer and Christmas holidays. That I think is a miscalculation.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: There has been no miscalculation, Sir. The calculation is substantially accurate.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether any Hindu Officer has been consulted in the matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What were the Hindu holidays that were reduced?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: The Onam holidays were reduced from 13 to 10 days and the Newmoon holidays were abolished

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Are not the Onam holiday national holidays?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: What is the minimum number of working days fixed now?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: 175 days for English Schools and 170 days for Vernacular Schools.

Motor cars maintained at Bhaktivilas during 1108 and 1109.

54. * MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of motor cars set apart at Bhaktivilas for the personal use of the Dewan, his family and his office during 1108 and 1109;

(*b*) the cost of maintenance and upkeep, etc., of these cars during 1108 and in 1109 (till the end of Makaram);

(*c*) whether there is a separate mechanic employed at Bhaktivilas;

(*d*) what is the cost of maintenance, etc., per annum for each car as compared with similar expenditure per car in the Royal Stables; and

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(*e*) whether there is a proposal to place the cars now at Bhaktivilas under the control of the Kariakar of the Royal Stables; and what will be the gain, if such a proposal is accepted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Two cars were set apart for the Dewan's use and none for his family or office.

(*b*) Cost of maintenance for 1108 comes to Rs. 5,622-17-1. Cost up to the end of Makarom 1109 is Rs. 3,281-7-4.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The cost of maintenance will depend upon the use to which the cars are put and the actual wear and tear sustained. As such, a comparison of the cost of maintenance of cars in the Royal Stables and Bhaktivilas will not serve any useful purpose.

(*e*) The answer to the first part of the question is 'No.' In view of this answer, the second part does not arise.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether any State Cars have been used during this period for transporting goods to the Ooty Sales Depot?

PRESIDENT: Well, that does not arise. The question was whether any cars were utilised for the use of the Dewan and his family.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Under 54 (*b*) this question arises, Sir. With regard to the maintenance and up-keep of the cars, I want to know whether the Government member has included the cost of using the cars for transporting the goods from Trivandrum to Ooty?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. If the member by putting the question had that intention in mind, he ought to have made the question explicit by also including whether the Dewan has used the cars for transporting his goods so that the Government member shall answer both the questions. Now the member is introducing a new matter which is not quite germane to this interpellation.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know from the member what are the items in fixing the cost of maintenance which he has taken into consideration?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The cost of running the car, such as petrol, oil, repair, renewal of parts and other items which ordinarily make up the maintenance of cars.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know the cost of petrol used in Travancore alone and in outside Travancore?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Does the member mean the petrol used in running the car?

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